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Although the present season has been a backward there has been a wonderful growth in fruits, vegetables and grains, and altogether there is promise of a bounteous harvest for the farmers in this valley.

The annual assessment work for this season may be said only to be properly commenced now and we expect to be able to report some good strikes shortly. The weather has retarded operations more this season than it has for many years, but, nevertheless, this season's operations will be of greater moment than any of the past, and the operations have and will be more extensive than ever.

A Golden man has solved the mystery of the telegraph line, at least he has an explanation of his own to offer to enquiries. He says that the Dominion Government only announced that they would build the line and having done so have filled their promises. And now we have the line.

What a beautiful "white elephant" it is? William Galliber should cite the creature for one is about as useful, kind of hearing an Lamentation as the other to this district.

His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney, P.C., K.G., K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., LL.D., D.C.L. and the Duchess of Cornwall and York are to make a trip through Canada shortly. Many people are objecting to the government paying the expenses of the party, which is very foolish. How anyone could expect a fellow to pack a title like this one all the way across the continent without government assistance is more than we can imagine. It is absurd to think that it can be done. For this reason we refrain from asking the party to take in the grandest scenery in America, but if they could manage to ship the title on to Victoria a trip up the Columbia river would never be forgotten by them.

"An augury we hope of the future methods of making appointments was that of the new boiler inspectors for the Province, made necessary in an act passed the last session of the local House. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works invited applicants to a competitive examination, with two thorough masters of all kinds of machinery as examiners, namely, James Fowler and John Peck. At first 22 applicants presented themselves; most of them withdrew after being presented with first papers; finally 10 were examined. T. H. Goldie, S. Baxter and G. H. Madigan proved the successful trio. The Chief Commissioner deserves honor for innovating a new system of appointments, where merit and ability alone counts, and not as unfortunately is too often the case in public appointments—politics alone allotting the office."

The above is from the B.C. Trade Budget and is another evidence of the good work which the member for this riding is doing at Victoria. The Hon. Mr. Wells has had many timely compliments showered upon him since he took charge of his important office, but the benefits that the people of this riding have derived are alone sufficient to satisfy the most exacting of his constituents as to his ability as a statesman and all acknowledge that he is the right man in the right place. In the mode of selecting the boiler inspectors he has certainly adopted a unique method, which, however, is entirely in keeping with the man himself, and goes to show that the trouble with office-seekers can be easily overcome when business tact is properly employed.

The annual meeting of the North Star Mining Company, Limited, held in Montreal, has brought forth a protest against the current charges for freight and treatment. When the railways combine their business as common carriers with that of smelting ores it is difficult to arrive at a basis for determining what charges are fair and what are unfair. As soon as the Government assumes control over the railways and establishes the requisite machinery for supervision it will be necessary to separate the charges for hauling from those for smelting, and to see that the former are fair and reasonable, no matter where the destination of the ore may be, says the Toronto Globe.

The people have a right to see that the highways are not manipulated in the interests of any smelting enterprise.

The Canadian people will pay a bounty of \$5 per ton on all the lead smelted in the Dominion next year, and under existing conditions the entire amount may be absorbed in railway charges, leaving the smelting and mining industries no better off than they were without the public aid.

No matter how much aid be given or how cheap the cost of freight and treatment there will always be some mines that will not pay the expense of operation. But it

is regarded as unfair that out of a return of \$719,135 from North Star ore sales the cost of freight and treatment should be \$354,321.

On behalf of the railway and smelting interests it will doubtless be urged that the charges are only sufficient to yield reasonable returns.

Between the mining and smelting interests the Government is under no obligation to decide. But it is the duty of the Government to establish control over railway rates and services, so that a smelting company would have no advantage through its connection with railway interests.

The fact that the directors of the North Star mine suggest cartailing shipments until better terms can be obtained shows the importance of the question at issue from a public standpoint.

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